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SUBJECT: USDA RESEARCH PROJECTS

REF: STATE 257894

1. THE MISSION HAS REVIEWED THE CROP SUBSTITUTION PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDS FUNDING BOTH PROJECTS, TEA AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS.

2. THE TEA PROJECT HELPS TO OBTAIN THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. TEA REQUIRES PERMANENT PLANTINGS AND WILL STABILIZE THE STILL PREVENTING WATER RUNOFF AND SOIL EROSION. TEA WILL REDUCE SLASH AND BURN AGRICULTURE AND RESULT IN PERMANENT SETTLEMENTS. TEA CULTIVATION WILL GIVE TEAROUND EMPLOYMENT TO THE HILLTRIBE PEOPLE AND IS A RELATIVELY HIGH VALUE CROP WHICH WILL PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY CASH INCOME. WITH PERMANENT TEA PLANTATIONS LAND WILL BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE OPIUM CULTIVATION.

3. ORNAMENTAL PLANTS (BULBS, PLANTS, CUT FLOWERS AND SEED) ARE HIGH VALUE CROPS IN DEMAND IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. SLAES OF BULBS, PLANTS AND CUT FLOWERS COULD COMPETE WITH THE PRODUCTION OF THE OPIUM POPPY IN PROVIDING CASH INCOME TO THE FARMER. SEVERAL OF THE VARIETIES OF PLANTS AND BULBS TO BE STUDIED REQUIRE SHADE FOR PROPER GROWTH. THEREFORE, REFORESTATION WILL BE A SECONDARY RESULT OF THIS PROJECT. THE HILLTRIBE PEOPLE WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE FULLY OCCUPIED AND WILL RECEIVE A HIGH RETURN FOR THEIR LABOR.  
THIS WILL  
REDUCE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON GROWING THE OPIUM POPPY FOR CASH INCOME.  
THE REFORESTATION WILL REDUCE THE SLASH AND BURN AGRICULTURE AND  
REDUCE EROSION.  
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